

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, after entry of the preliminary amendment filed in the parent application, to replace the section titled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" beginning on line 1 of page 1:

"Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of U.S. patent application serial number 09/815,978 filed March 22, 2001 which claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to U.S. provisional application no.: 60/191,186 filed March 22, 2000 to Schwartz, entitled "NOVEL HYDRAZINE-BASED AND CARBONYL-BASED BIFUNCTIONAL CROSSLINKING REAGENTS." The disclosure of the above-referenced application is incorporated herein in its entirety."